

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

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For: **Method and System for Expanding a Word  
Graph to a Phone Graph Based on a  
Cross-Word Acoustical Model to Improve  
Continuous Speech Recognition**

Art Group: 2641

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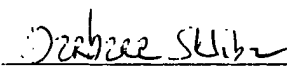
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